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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Don Sloma, Executive Director

RE: CR-101 – Proposed Intention to Modify Regulatory Standards for HIV Counseling

Background and Summary:

The attached February 13, 2001 memo from Jackson Williams, Assistant Secretary, Department of Health is a request that the Board approve a CR-101, announcing its intention to consider modifications to WAC 246-100 that establish standards for HIV counseling and testing of pregnant women.

I reviewed the substance of the Department's proposal with Dr. Locke, the Board's sponsor for communicable disease control issues. Dr. Locke concurred with the substance and direction of the Department's proposal but prefers to see the Board consider a slightly broader set of issues in any such rules revision. Based on his review of national guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the input he has received from his colleagues in local health jurisdictions, and the formal position of the Washington State Medical Association, Dr. Locke would prefer to consider modifying the Board's current rules governing HIV counseling and testing procedures for all patients.

Recommended Board Action:

The Board may wish to consider, amend, and approve the following statement:

The Board's Executive Director shall issue a CR-101 announcing the Board's intention to consider modifications to WAC 246-100 as that Chapter describes standards for AIDS counseling, pretest counseling, and post test counseling associated with HIV testing.